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AGAIN IN HARNESS.

Well, here I am in the harness once more. And I am glad of it, even though it may have been the force of circumstances rather than an anxious hanker that has caused me to again take up editorial duties after a lay-off of six months.

With this week's issue I assume complete control of the DEMOCRAT, Mr. Welch having thrown up his lease and sought other pastures.

I believe it was his loss and my gain, for I am firmly convinced that the people of Barton county will loyally support the DEMOCRAT so long as it is made worthy of support, and so long as it makes an honest effort to give its subscribers value received for their money. These are hard times, I know, but certainly there are plenty of good citizens who have in the past and will in the future give their patronage to such a paper as the DEMOCRAT shall be so long as there is balm in Gilead or a thousand democrats in Barton county.

All subscriptions paid in advance to Welch will be filled by me, and all accounts whatsoever that are due the DEMOCRAT for subscription, job printing or advertising are payable to me. I have confidence in the good judgment of the people of this county, and hope that I shall be favored in the future as I have been in the past by their good will and good deeds.

WILL E. STOKES.

ON THE HALF SHELL.

By reason of a blunder of the house which furnishes the inside pages of the DEMOCRAT we are compelled to send you a half sheet this week. Hereafter the paper will be an eight page paper as usual. We hope our readers will understand our difficulty and pardon the paper's coming this week "on the half shell."

EDITOR COOKE: Where did you find that hat?

WHEN the thief has an opportunity for stealing, he considers himself an honest man.

A SCHOOL teacher in Maine has taught for 78 years. We move she be given a recess.

WE move that the Commercial Club get a move on them and prepare for the spring campaign.

NOW THAT the Rothschilds have refused to loan Spain any more money with which to carry on the war with the Cuban insurgents, it may be expected that Cuban independence will soon be secured.

WHAT a wonderful lot of blunder-buses our friends, the republicans, are loading down in Washington! One of these days the campaign ammunition they are preparing will be fired off upon the long suffering public and it is the opinion of all conservatives that there will be some tremendous kicking.

SENATOR BAKER, of Kansas, is now classed by the eastern people as a gold-bug of the yellowest kind. Of course Senator Baker has been in Washington long enough to know that the next national republican convention will be controlled by the worshipers of the yellow metal, and he wants to "stand in" with the bosses.

APPROPOS of the question of where our ice men are going to get their supply of ice for next summers use, if the present spring weather keeps on tarrying in the lap of winter, why not catch onto the plan of that fellow over in Australia, who ties a can full of water to a large kite and sends it up in the air so high (several miles) that when he brings it down again it is a frozen chunk of ice.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND told old John Bull that he had to submit the Venezuelan boundary question to arbitration; and now the English press is acknowledging that arbitration of the question is a certainty.

THE present management of the DEMOCRAT wants to go on record as opposing the proposed doing away with the electric street lights. If necessary to cut down expenses there are other things Great Bend can get along without better than without the street lights.

PUCK's illustration of "the power behind the throne," representing an eastern tariff baron overshadowing the chair of the speaker, Tom Reed, and controlling his actions, is as good a hit as has been made lately. The puny, "infant industries" of the far east must have their innings with the present republican congress, or not at all. For the affluent, prosperous, happy, contented agriculturists and mechanics of the far west are going to choke the life out of those poor, feeble infants, and "the goblins 'll git 'em if they don't watch out."

THE daily papers report that Chairman Richardson will call the State Democratic Central Committee together some time in March, to issue a call for a convention to select delegates for Kansas to the National Convention. This meeting should be early in March, and when the committee is together they should also call a convention for the nomination of state officers. This year is one in which the sooner the democrats get to work the better it will be for the party, and for the chances of success for our candidates. We are opposed to hanging back and waiting to see what the other parties are doing. As democrats we know our duty, and should do it, regardless of whether it pleases the populists or republicans, suffragist or prohibitionists.

Never pay money to strangers for goods to be delivered at some future time. The editor of this paper has the photograph of a traveling swindler, who signs himself G. W. Clay, and who has been operating extensively in this state. He is sandy-complexioned, thick set, has a long heavy mustache. The photograph was furnished by a sheriff in Colorado, who secured Clay's conviction some years ago. This man claims to represent any line of goods that will enable him to collect money in advance. He never signs the correct firm name of any company. He collects subscriptions to periodicals at greatly reduced prices, but his specialty just now seems to be appointing exclusive agencies for the sale of Demorest's paper patterns, and the Demorest Publishing company of New York are daily in receipt of letters, from business houses, who have paid money to Mr. Clay for advertising matter, signs, a stock of patterns and "mahogany pattern-cases." The Demorest's never employ traveling salesmen for their pattern business, or to solicit subscriptions to their magazine.

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Why Are Not Parents More Interested In The Schools?

INA BAKER.

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This glance will also show that the majority of those who have visited were brought out by some special program, rather than by the regular every day work.

Have parents so great a degree of confidence in the teachers or so great a lack of appreciation for what the schools are or should be doing? Which?

No teacher however well prepared or interested in or conscientious about her work but will be benefited—encouraged, stimulated enthused by interested parents.

As the careful housewife watches for words or even looks of approval or disapproval of her work, so the teacher, being largely possessed of human nature, is sensitive in regard to the work she is giving her whole attention to.

The school next to the home and in conjunction with it is forming the character of the nation of to-morrow. Is it then a matter of small moment, what principles are taught, what methods used in the formation of these principles?

Is the development and culture of the mind so trivial a task that parents can lightly shift the work on to the teacher or is it so great that they would desire to throw the responsibility of it on some one else?

While the teacher is willing to share the responsibility, she does not wish to take it all. If parents were more interested in the schools would not the children be? Is it not a fact that children from the homes of parents interested in education in general and school in particular are most easily interested in their work of development.—School Visitor.

Sudden Extinction of a Family.

The Johannesburg correspondent of the Standard reports an extraordinary series of fatalities at Warrenton, where by a resident lost his whole family in the space of a few minutes. Three children left the house to go to their father, a farmer, who was in the field near. The three put their hands in a crevice of the rocks to obtain bird's eggs. In this crevice there was a deadly snake, which bit all the three. Two of them died before the third could get home to tell the mother what had happened. The mother, frantic with grief, tried to lift the third child on a horse to gallop for help. She pushed him too far; he fell over on the other side, fracturing his skull, and died instantly. The mother re-entered the house and found a fourth child had fallen in the bath and been drowned. The whole family died within one hour.

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What is a Snob? A writer in the Toronto Week is exercised upon the question of snobbery, and entitles an article, "What is a Snob?" in which, after two full columns of argument he comes to no conclusion better than "Who is not a Snob?" I think I can answer the first question in a few words. A snob is a person (not more often a woman than a man) who:

First—Strives to appear what he or she is not.

Second—Forces upon the attention of others what he or she is.

Third—Ignores the rights and often the very existence of those who he or she should politely recognize.

And I think, too, that I can answer the second question: "Who is not a snob?" The man, who, being himself, allows all members in the circles of his friends and acquaintances to be themselves, and who, to persons in every walk of life, shows a thoughtful consideration for their rights.—Ex.

Cleveland's Generosity. There is no fund to pay the expenses of the funeral of a cabinet officer, while on the other hand, deceased senators and congressmen and senators are buried at public expense, each such funeral costing about \$5,000. In the case of the Gresham funeral not a dollar of its expenses will be allowed to fall on the slender estate which he left. It is understood that President Cleveland himself insisted on defraying the cost, save for the funeral train, which was tendered by J. W. Doane, the Pullman magnate, and its transportation, which was the voluntary act of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company.

A Lucky Find. Mrs. Clara Platt found a \$100 bill while working in the picking room at the paper mill, at Plainsville, Mich., recently. To all appearances the bill is a good one. It has been forwarded to Washington for examination.

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